

In the Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving data corresponding to an image, the image including a depiction of text;
~~generating a non-image representation of~~ recognizing at least some of said
depicted text;
storing said recognized text in a data repository; and
encoding a watermark in ~~a representation of~~ said image; ~~and~~
~~associating with said watermark , said watermark serving to associate said~~
image with said data repository.

4. (Canceled)

5. (New) The method of claim 3 in which said recognizing includes recognizing
by an automated OCR process.

6. (New) In a method of building an index to a collection of web pages by
reference to text and meta tags found therein, an improvement comprising:
downloading an image from one of said web pages;
decoding a digital watermark from the downloaded image;
through use of said decoded digital watermark, obtaining text associated with said
downloaded image; and
augmenting the index in accordance with said obtained text.

7. (New) The method of claim 6 in which the decoded digital watermark
includes a database reference, and the method includes using said reference to obtain
information from an associated database record.

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8. (New) A method of augmenting image data collected by a security monitoring camera, comprising:

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analyzing a frame of image data from said security monitoring camera for text information depicted therein;

storing the text information in a data repository;

digitally watermarking said image data;

wherein said digital watermark indicates the location of the stored text information in said data repository.

9. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein the frame of image data includes a depiction of a vehicle license plate, and said text information comprises text on said license plate.